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## NOTABLE GESTURE.

Great Britain's China  
Proposals.

IMPORTANT MEMORANDUM.

Increased Customs Treaty  
Revision.

London, Dec. 21.  
Retidence is observed in authoritative circles in London as regards the Memorandum transmitted by the British Charge d'Affaires at Peking to his diplomatic colleagues, but it is pointed out that the benevolent attitude of Great Britain to the aspirations of the Chinese people for a revision of the present treaty situation has become obscured owing to the absence of a central Government in China which was a necessary condition for carrying out the programme laid down at Washington.

Therefore in the spirit of the Washington agreement, Great Britain has now submitted to the other Powers suggestions as to

"WAIT AND SEE."

Japan Papers and Canton  
Recognition.

Osaka, Dec. 21.  
The newspapers find space for Chinese news. Business men are watching developments at Peking. The "Mainichi" in an editorial on the question of recognition of the Canton Government favours a policy of wait and see.—Reuter.

guards the attitude which should be adopted on the question of the surtaxes and extraterritoriality.

It is declared that Great Britain has no wish to intervene in the civil war raging in China or to favour any party, but the Powers now confronted with the growth of national sentiment in China which necessitates a most careful review of the situation.

It is not believed that the Memorandum deals with the question of recognition, but primarily with the so-called Washington surtaxes, which in the view of the British Government should be granted as soon as possible for the benefit of the Provinces in which they are actually collected.—Reuter.

More Common Sense.

London, Dec. 21.  
The "Manchester Guardian" declares that the Memorandum of the British Charge d'Affaires at Peking proposes that the surtaxes promised to China under the Washington treaties of 1922 should immediately be made operative throughout China, and the failure of the customs conference last year should be written off the diplomatic balance sheet.

The granting of additional customs is urged as a matter of common sense in view of the fact that the Cantonese authorities have already installed a second line of customs to collect precisely the difference between the old taxes and the new taxes promised at Washington. The Memorandum also urges that treaties generally should be revised so as to make them less unilateral and therefore less objectionable to Chinese feeling.

The Memorandum advocates immediate revision of the extraterritorial and judicial arrangements, declaring that the failure of the recent commission on extra-territoriality should be regarded as something irrelevant to the present position.

That failure was due to the impossibility then of obtaining representative Chinese views, but conditions have now changed owing to the ascendancy of the Kuomintang. It is proposed that the Powers should recognise the improvement in the Chinese judicial system.

In short the British proposals are that the diplomacy of the Powers in China should be brought up to date as has been done elsewhere in Asia and the Middle East since the war.—Reuter.

Earlier Messages.

Rugby, Dec. 21.  
Until the other treaty Powers have had an opportunity of reading the British memorandum upon the Chinese situation, London official circles continue reticent as to its contents. The newspapers give

## XMAS MAIL.

"Kalyan" Delayed Till  
Sunday.

POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS.

When to Post Greetings in  
Hong Kong.

Originally due here two days before Xmas the s.s. "Kalyan," bearing parcels and mail via Suez, was delayed in Singapore and her time of arrival postponed to Xmas afternoon. Owing to the strong monsoon encountered, the "Kalyan" has been still further delayed and, according to a message received from the Captain, she will not arrive in Hong Kong before 10 a.m. on Sunday.

Monday being Boxing Day, the postal staff had naturally hoped for a holiday but in order that recipients of parcels may be given an opportunity of getting them as soon as possible, it has been arranged for an early Monday morning delivery of letters in which will also be included parcel receipts. The Post Office will remain open from 8 a.m. to noon for handing over parcels.

The exact number of bags of parcels and mails brought by the "Kalyan" is not yet known but, from advance lists, it is estimated that there are 1,200 parcels.

Siberian Mail.

In addition to the Xmas mail brought by the "Kalyan," the "President Lincoln" came in on Thursday with 43 bags of mail from Europe via Siberia. Delivery will be made at the latest by Friday morning.

Xmas mail from America was brought by the "President Jefferson" which arrived in port yesterday evening. Delivery will be made in the course of the day. The postal staff have also to cope on Xmas day with the outgoing mail for Europe via Suez by the s.s. "Khiva" which leaves at noon.

On Xmas day there will be one delivery, at 11.30 and on Sunday one in the afternoon (Chinese New Year day is the only day of the year on which there is no delivery by the Post Office).

Local residents wishing to send Xmas cards or greetings to friends in Hong Kong will catch the Xmas day delivery if they post up to 11 o'clock on Xmas morning (the earlier the better, of course, from the point of view of the Post Office staff).

Messrs. Mackintosh & Co., Ltd., have issued again this year their handy little calendar showing the dates for three months at a glance.

Generally, however, welcome the move taken as an effort to clarify some aspects at least of an extremely complicated situation, and to get back as far as present conditions allow to the proposals made at Washington nearly five years ago.

Although it contains definite proposals, particularly in regard to surtaxes, the British document is described here as a general exposition of the British attitude towards China, rather than a concrete scheme for a comprehensive settlement. It is emphasised that the memorandum must not be taken as a sequel to the recent conversations between Mr. Lamson, the New British Minister to China, and Mr. Chen, the Cantonese Foreign Minister. Its composition dates prior to those meetings.

No Attempt to Interview.  
The "Manchester Guardian" says, "There is no suggestion in the memorandum that regional recognition will be given to any faction. It is a firm principle of the British proposals that no attempt be made by the Powers to intervene in China."

The "Daily Chronicle" recalls that the surtaxes proposed at Washington amounted to 2½ per cent. on ordinary merchandise and 5 per cent. on luxuries, and says the British view is that these might be now applied by each province in which they are collected to its local needs. Such a solution, the "Chronicle" adds, would treat all China with impartiality. It simply enunciates the principle, and leaves each effective authority to carry it out.—British Wireless Service.

## COLONY'S MONEY.

\$58,000 More for 1926  
Estimates.

OUR EXPENSE AT WEMBLEY.

2.1 2 Million Copper Cents From  
Royal Mint.

Twenty-one items totalling \$58,793 are to be presented tomorrow afternoon to the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, to supplement the 1926 Estimates.

These are spread among a good many Government Departments. The highest is \$16,500. None other exceeds four figures and the smallest is \$50.

Eight of these votes can be met wholly or in part by savings from other sub-heads and explanations are given. Extracts are given herewith.

\$32,000 to Make \$25,000.

Under Miscellaneous Services, Loss on Copper Coins, \$7,000.—To replenish the dwindling stock of copper one cent pieces, an order was placed with the Royal Mint for 2,500,000 coins.

A part of this order has already been delivered and the balance is expected in Hong Kong this month. It is estimated that the cost of the whole supply landed in Hong Kong will be \$32,000 and as the value of the coin is only \$25,000 a vote to cover the loss is required.

The metal cost \$1,385-4-4; manufacturing and packing charges \$1,500-0-0; matrix and punch \$11-11-0; freight and insurance \$121-0-0—making a total of \$3,017-19-4, at exchange 1/10½, is equal to \$31,838; and there is \$125 for loading charges here.

Food in Hospitals.

In the Estimates, \$104,500 was provided and a supplementary vote

SUPPRESSED.

South Portugal Revolt  
Over?

Nothing further is known at Lisbon of the revolutionary strike on the Suleste Railway.

The movement was started by employees of advanced views, who tried to carry the whole staff with them.

The movement is stated to have been suppressed owing to Government measures.

The papers here are censored. Reuter.  
[A Lisbon cable dated Dec. 16, stated: It is reported that a military revolt has broken out in South Portugal. The Government has sent troops to deal with the rebels.]

of \$6,500 was made. A further \$6,000 is asked for.

The Estimates for 1926 were framed shortly after the commencement of the strike and boycott and it was not possible at that time to foresee what prices would be during 1926. When the tenders came in after the Estimates has been framed it was found that there was  
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## CRISIS OVER.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN'S  
CONDITION.

THEATRES, OPEN AGAIN.

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

The Emperor's condition warrants the belief that there is no immediate crisis. The members of the Cabinet, except the Premier, have returned to Tokyo to attend to urgent business in connection with the convocation of the Diet on the 24th.

All court functions and New Year celebrations, however, have been definitely cancelled.

Streets More Lively.

Osaka, Dec. 21.  
The good news from Hayama is reviving normal activities in Osaka. The theatres have been open since last night. The streets are more lively and Christmas sales have been resumed.—Reuter.

A Bad Night.

Tokyo, Dec. 22.  
The Emperor's temperature rose last night. He was somewhat delirious and restless. Also he suffered from occasional coughing.—Reuter.

## DEATH SENTENCE.

Shaukiwan Murder Trial  
Ends.

JUDGE'S OPINION.

Counsel Involves Witnesses in  
Allegations.

The jury, after an absence of a few minutes, returned a verdict of guilty at the conclusion of the trial, this morning of the Chinese charged with murdering with an axe one of his fellow employees at a ship-building yard at Shaukiwan.

His Honor, Mr. Justice Wood, expressed the opinion that they could have come to no other decision on the evidence and sentenced the prisoner to death.

Mr. J. H. B. Nihil, counsel for the Crown, addressing the Court, said that he was unable to suggest a motive for the crime, which it was his contention had been committed by the prisoner. No one, however, knew the secret workings of another man's mind, and the motive might have been there. Prisoner's passions might have been inflamed by drink, and he did what he had been perfectly sober he would not have done, but that was not sufficient reason for the jury to acquit him.

A "Painful Position."

Dealing with the evidence of the men who had slept in the room on the night of the murder, counsel said that they were all honest and simple men. The jury would probably have been impressed, as he (counsel) was, with the straightforward evidence of the prisoner's own brother, who had been sleeping next to the murdered man and had awakened to find his brother with an axe in his hand and the deceased lying in a dying condition beside him. It was a painful position for a man to be in to have to give evidence against his own brother, and counsel suggested that he could have been actuated by no other motive than that of a desire to tell the truth at whatever cost.

Dealing with the condition of prisoner when arrested, counsel said that the prisoner was undoubtedly under the influence of drink, but what the jury had to consider was whether he was so drunk that he was quite incapable of forming any intention at all. The prisoner had been in sufficient possession of his faculties to find his way home and put himself to bed.

Drunken Man's Actions.

What, asked counsel, were the actions usually associated with a man so befuddled by drink as the prisoner had claimed to be in denying all knowledge of the incidents of the night in question? Would a man in such a condition rise from his bed, once having staggered there, go to another room, go downstairs, find an axe, take it upstairs and make an attack on a man lying next to his own brother? If it was a sudden fit of homicidal mania, why had he selected the man most difficult of access of all who were sleeping in the room?

In conclusion, counsel asked the jury to find on the evidence that the prisoner was the man who killed the prisoner and that he knew what he was doing at the time.

Counsel's Allegations.

Mr. T. Addis, counsel for the defence, suggested to the jury that the three men who had given evidence could not have slept in the same room in which such an attack was alleged had been carried out without having heard and seen something of it as it occurred. He suggested that they, including the prisoner's own brother, had something to conceal. What it was could only be surmised, it might have been a family quarrel as a result of which the deceased had been attacked by someone, he could not suggest whom.

Counsel maintained that the position of the wounds was inconsistent with the theory that the deceased had been attacked as he lay on the bed. He suggested that the deceased had been carried to the bed after the attack by someone other than the prisoner, and that the three other inmates of the room, having something to conceal, and knowing that the prisoner had returned in a drunken state from a debauch, had dragged him into it and invented the story they had given in court.

It was impossible, said counsel, for prisoner in the drunken state to which police witnesses had de-

## HANKOW TROUBLE.

Unpleasant Incident  
Averted.

APOLOGY TO CONSUL.

Ichang Reported Completely  
Looted.

Hankow, Dec. 21.  
An unpleasant incident was narrowly averted at 10.30 this morning when 300 Chinese soldiers tried to march through the concession along the bund. They were stopped at the British Consulate barrier by marines. A large mob of coolies urged the soldiers to force their way through.

A corporal of marines patrolling outside the barrier was attacked by four soldiers and fell back on the barricade which the marines lined, and as the soldiers loaded their rifles they loaded the soldiers' machine guns, at which the soldiers dispersed. The mob remained jeering at the marines. It is understood that the local

SOVIET ENVOY.

M. Kopp Not Returning to  
Tokyo.

Tokyo, Dec. 21.  
An official announcement that M. Kopp, the Soviet Ambassador, is not returning to Tokyo has been received, but the Soviet has not yet intimated the name of his successor.—Reuter.

Chinese authorities have tendered apologies to the British Consul.

A wireless message from Ichang states that soldiers have completely looted the city. Foreign property up to the present has not been touched.—Reuter.

BIAS BAY.

CANTON TROOPS ENGAGE  
IRREGULARS.

Hostilities between Nationalist troops and a small body of "anti-Canton" guerrilla soldiers are, it is surmised, holding up the Nationalist Government military expedition which was to have operated on land, right down to the British frontier.

This was gleaned yesterday from a statement by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of Police), in an interview with the "Kung Sheung Yat Po" (Industrial and Commercial Daily Press).

It will be recalled that Mr. Wolfe paid an informal visit to Canton with Captain H. F. Bloxham, A.S.P. (who is in charge of the Indian guards under the Piracy Prevention Ordinance).

Mr. Wolfe told the pressman that the Hong Kong Government deemed it inexpedient to give immediate information to the public.

The project, of course, was spontaneously suggested by the Nationalist Government and the authorities in Hong Kong were only too pleased to co-operate as far as possible.

The 18th division of the Nationalist Army was quartered at such places as Ping Shan and Sha Tau Kok, near the New Territories.

The troops who arrived first at Kwai Chung and Sha U Chung were now fighting with "irregulars" under General Lo Kwan, an adherent of General Chan Kwing-ming.

Pirate strongholds were at Fan Lo Kong, Ping Hoi and Tai Pang and it was not known if the 18th division intended to clear out Lo Kwan's troops and then go on to these places, or else subdue the military opposition and then go on to Waichow.

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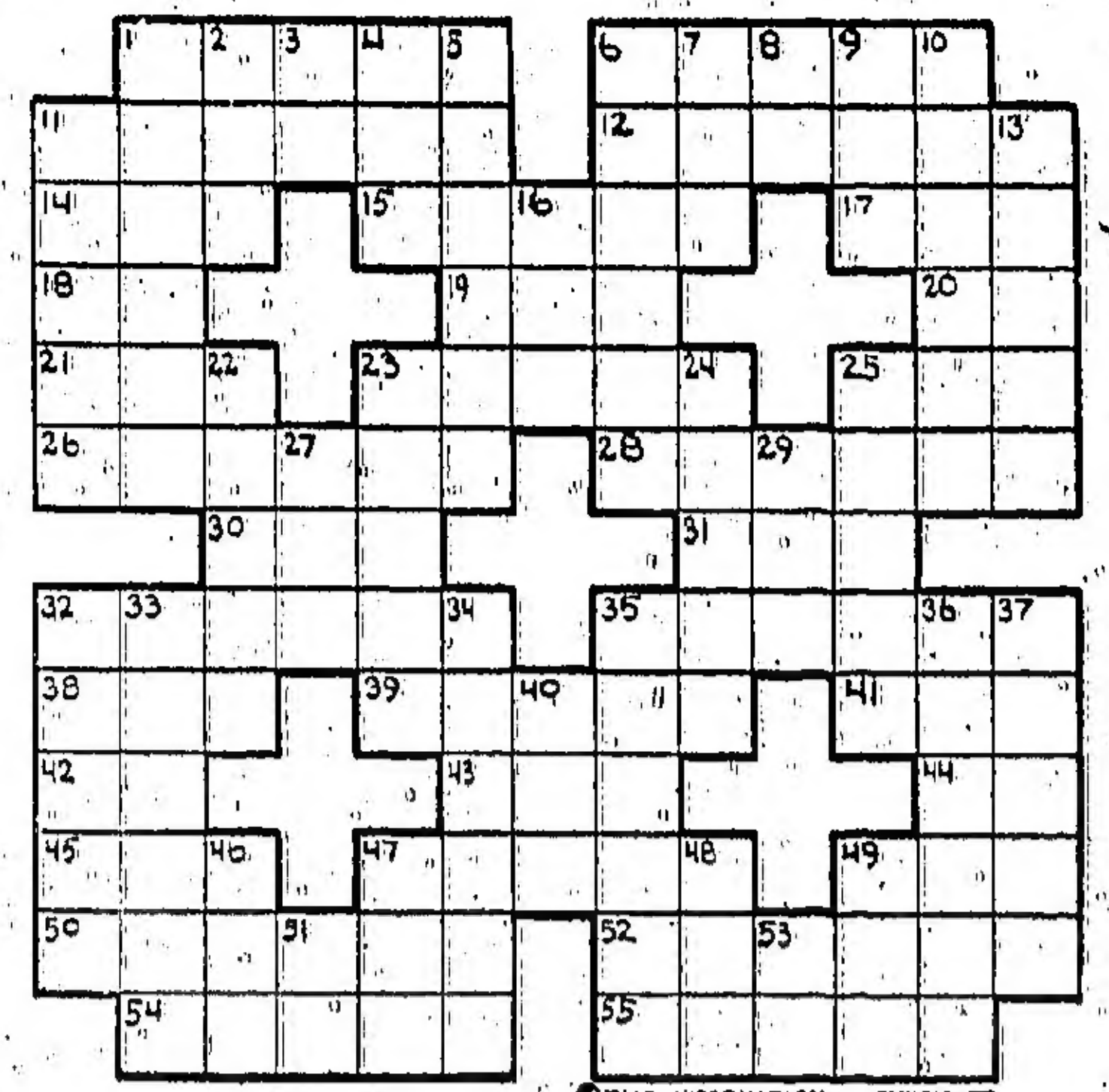
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**OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.**

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and althb.)

**HORIZONTAL**

1-Rapture

6-Harmonious combination of tones

11-Gain

12-A radio term

14-Dine

15-To ward off

17-Owing

18-Average (abbr.)

19-Lid

20-British America (abbr.)

21-Receipt (abbr.)

23-A drain

25-Lair

26-Swapped

28-Assessors

30-National Education Association (abbr.)

31-By way of

32-Frown

35-Kitchen utensil

38-Gained

39-A dress material

41-Edge

42-Diminutive suffix

**HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**

43-Sport

44-College degree (abbr.)

45-A liquor

47-Slops

49-Broad street (abbr.)

50-A mark to be shot at

52-An account book

54-Prepared

55-Projecting edge of a roof

**VERTICAL**

1-Bolder

2-A collection of things

3-Whether

4-To drink slowly

5-Declared

6-Floor-covering

7-Exclamation

8-Conjunction

9-To free

10-Smeared

**VERTICAL (Cont.)**

11-Lively (colloq.)

13-Incline

16-Nolay argument

22-Dignitary of the Anglican Church

23-Close up

24-A bird

25-Demise

27-Moisture

32-Paraphrase

33-A neck-band

34-Security

35-To light

36-Foliage of a tree

37-A live coal

40-A large cask

42-Before

47-Place for repose

48-A wave (Naut.)

49-Era

51-Southeastern State of U. S. (abbr.)

53-God willing

(Latin-abbr.)

**SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES**

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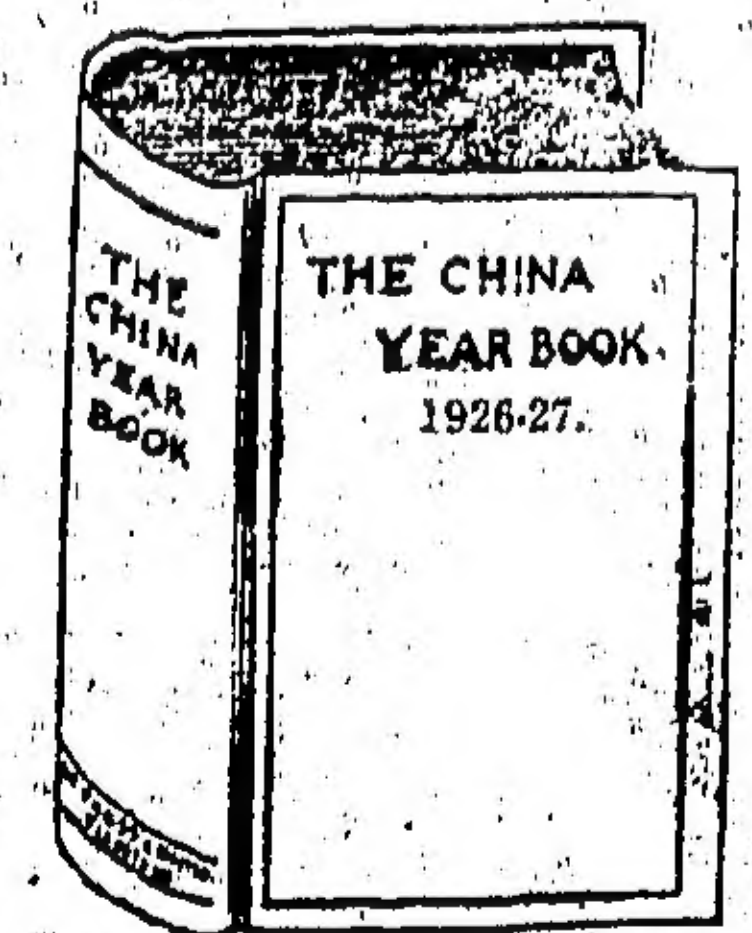
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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.  
MANILA MARU ..... Monday, 17th January.  
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.  
ISHIKARI MARU ..... Saturday, 26th December.  
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.  
MEXICO MARU ..... Wednesday, 22nd December.  
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.  
BINGO MARU ..... Saturday, 25th December.  
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.  
KOHRO MARU ..... Tuesday, 28th December.  
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.  
PARIS MARU ..... (From Shanghai) Tuesday, 28th December.  
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.  
MENADO MARU ..... Friday, 24th Dec., 10 a.m.  
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.  
HAWANA MARU ..... (From Koolung) Monday, 3rd January.  
JAPAN PORTS  
SEATTLE MARU ..... Wednesday, 22nd December.  
AMAZON MARU ..... Sunday, 9th January.  
KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.  
TAIKWA MARU ..... Thursday, 23rd December, 9 a.m.  
KAIJO MARU ..... Sunday, 26th Dec., 10 a.m.  
TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.  
KOTSU MARU ..... Thursday, 30th Dec., 8 a.m.  
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TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

**THE MORNING LIST.**

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hong Kong were reported:-

British: Hydrangea from Fort Bayard, Leesang from Canton, Nanning from Shanghai, and Dahy, Huichow from Tientsin and Weihaiwei, Kyansang from Tsingtao and Swatow, Hohong from Foochow and Swatow.

Dutch: Tjikini from Batavia and Amoy, Van Cloon from Amoy and Swatow.

French: General Metzinger from Yokohama and Shanghai, Raymond Poincare from Canton.

Japanese: Tango Maru from Yokohama and Nagasaki, Mexico Maru from Osaka and Moji, Taikwa Maru from Haiphong and Hoihow, Seattle Maru from Calcutta and Singapore, Kaitan Maru from Keelung.

Chinese: Tak Hing from Au Tau.

American: President Jefferson from Seattle and Shanghai.

Norwegian: Helios from Bangkok and Swatow.

**Departures.**

For Hoihow: Fuk Tai.  
For Swatow: Nanning, Haitan, Leesang, Huiching.  
Canton: Unkai Maru No. 3.  
For Saigon: General Metzinger, Nanchang, Yunnan.  
For Guizhou: Cheongshing.  
For Ma-lau-chau: Kwong Foo.  
For Hongkong: Tai Tak, Dai-fuku Maru.

For Amoy: Kiangchow, Sui-yang.  
For Shanghai: Formosa.  
For Singapore: Sumatra Maru.  
For Tarakan: Adma.

**Clearances.**

For Haiphong: New Mathilde.  
For Amoy: Fu Chuan.  
For Moji: Cheribon Maru.

**SHIPS IN PORT.**

British ..... 27  
American ..... 1  
Panama ..... 1  
Norwegian ..... 5  
Danish ..... 1  
Japanese ..... 10  
Chinese ..... 18  
Dutch ..... 7  
Portuguese ..... 2  
French ..... 1

Total ..... 71

Yesterday's arrivals 18 (British 6, Japanese 5, Norwegian 1, Chinese 1, Dutch 2, French 2, American 1).

Yesterday's departures 18 (British 9, Japanese 3, Chinese 3, French 1, Portuguese 1, Swedish 1).

**SHIP STORES AUCTION.**

A large quantity of ship's fittings, stores, etc. will be sold by public auction by Messrs. Lammet Bros. at 2.15 p.m. tomorrow, at Nos. 18 and 19, Connaught Road Central, the premises of A. Kwai & Co. (in bankruptcy).

**STEAMER DAMAGE.**

Port Said, Dec. 21.

It is possible damage has been done to the cargo in No. 3 hold of the "Koning Inder Nederland" from Batavia to Amsterdam, owing to a defective drain pipe below the water line.

The damage has been temporarily repaired and the steamer is proceeding on her way.—Reuter.

**MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.**

The P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" from Hong Kong arrived London on December 18, at 8 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" left Shanghai for this port on Dec. 21, at 4 p.m., and is due here on Dec. 24, at about 7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Shanghai yesterday, at 2 p.m., left Shanghai today, at 1 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on Dec. 24.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kalyan" left Singapore for this port yesterday, at 10 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on Dec. 26, at about 10 a.m.

The m.v. "Canton" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on December 13, 1926, and is due here on or about January 21, 1927.

On arrival here from Fort Bayard to-day, the s.s. "Hydrangea" reported: strong northerly wind and stormy sea.

Coming here from Amoy (sailed December 20) and arriving here at 1 a.m. to-day the "Tjikini" reports sighting two junks floating upside down in Lat. 22.43.30 N., Long. 116.10.2 E.

**ETONIAN JAILED.**

WOULD-BE SUICIDE'S FATAL STRUGGLE.

A notable murder trial at the Kent Assizes, Maidstone, has ended in the acquittal of Alfonso Smith, an Etonian, and a wealthy Irish Canadian ex-officer of the Fourth Dragoon Guards, aged 37, charged with murdering his friend, a fellow Etonian, John Derham, of Canterbury, aged 34, an international rink hockey player, who was shot dead in the drawing room of Smith's at Whitstable on August 12.

Derham who was separated from his wife became a frequent caller from Christmas onwards at Smith's flat at Herne Bay. Smith became jealous and in July created scenes. Mrs. Smith took a house at Whitstable on July 26, with a young sister at which Derham was a frequent visitor. Smith arrived on August 12, and quarrelled with Derham, but on the same evening the trio had a champagne supper at a local hotel.

They returned to the house and quarrelled and Derham was shot. Died in Street.

He staggered into the street where he died. Smith's sister-in-law was in bed during the quarrel.

She described hearing a shot and rushing down and seeing Derham sitting on Smith on the floor and striking him on the head with a revolver butt.

Defending, Sir Edward Marshall Hall read remarkable letters from Smith to his wife showing that Smith was desperately attached to his wife. Smith admitted wanting to commit suicide, but denied touching the trigger.

He demonstrated how he was about to sit down in the drawing room and intended to withdraw the revolver from his hip pocket for convenience. Derham sprang upon him and the revolver went off during the struggle.

**12 Months' Hard Labour.**

The prosecution suggested that Smith first shot Derham, who then endeavoured to secure the revolver. Mr. Justice Ivory, summing up, said if a man pulled a trigger with the intention of committing suicide and killed accidentally someone else he was guilty of murder.

The jury was absent for two hours and ten minutes. Smith pleaded guilty to carrying arms with intent to endanger life, for which he was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour.

**WEATHER FORECAST**

Till noon to-morrow, the official weather forecast is as follows:—N.E. winds, fresh, fine.

At 11.33 a.m. to-day, the Observatory reported:—

Pressure has decreased considerably from N.E. Japan to the Bonins, moderately over S. Manchuria and slightly from Guam to Yap. It is nearly stationary over Indo-China and has increased slightly elsewhere.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day:—barometer 30.25; temperature 47; wind N.E.; force 3; weather overcast.

**"NAUGHTY DOG."**

The methods of supplying dogs and cats to hospitals for vivisection purposes are being subjected to a searching analysis, following the conviction of a dog-stealer, who sold dogs to University College.

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The fall in temperature, the lessened amount of sunshine and the increased amount of indoor life, are all contributory causes, to these winter ills, he states. These lead to diminished resistance and increased susceptibility to infection. Bad ventilation is the commonest predisposing cause of "colds." The atmosphere in many rooms and in most crowded halls and theatres is stuffy, warm, stagnant, moist and germ-laden, and the result is congested, swollen, respiratory mucous membranes, covered with thick secretion and highly susceptible to infection.

A healthy mucous membrane is pale and taut, and well moistened with secretion, and is strongly resistant to infection.

In badly ventilated rooms, the head is often hot and the feet are cold, but the feet should be warm and the head cool. The ideal conditions are "cool breezes blowing round the head, the radiant heat of the sun, and warm ground to stand on, out-of-doors."

A great many "colds" can be prevented by healthy exercise in the sun and open-air, by sleeping well covered up, but with open windows; by avoidance of ill-ventilated and over-heated rooms; by keeping the body and feet warm during sedentary occupations; by wearing warm, but light and loose clothing; by an ample but simple diet, with plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables; in a word, by leading a life of "physiological righteousness."

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EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
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NYANZA	7,023	31st Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MALWA	10,941	2nd Jan.	Marseilles and London
KALYAN	9,144	23rd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DEVANHA	8,355	25th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MORBA	10,918	31st Jan.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	9,095	1st Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KASHGAR	9,095	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELORE	8,853	2nd March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANTUA	10,902	5th March	Marseilles and London
KASHGAR	9,095	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	14th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
MONGOLIA	10,504	19th March	Marseilles and London
MANTUA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles and London
DEVANHA	8,355	5th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMALA	9,128	10th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
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TALMA	10,000	12th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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TANDA	8,956	4th March	
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TAKADA	6,949	31st Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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DEVANHA	8,355	10th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe
TALWA	10,000	12th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NAGAPUR	5,283	15th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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DELTA	8,097	23rd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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MANTUA	10,902	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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Dr. Darroch was the speaker at the meeting of the Literary Department of the American Women's Club, Shanghai, Mrs. Earl Cressy taking the Chair, and a very interesting lecture was given on the evolution of the Chinese characters in their writing.

Lantern slide pictures were shown and Dr. Darroch explained the different signs and symbols as they were in old times and how they had changed until they reached the present form; somewhat different, although some have been preserved for over 4,000 years many of the original characteristics.

At first the conveying of his thoughts by means of pictures was easy to the ancient writer, for he kept to things which he could see and feel, such as the sun, the moon, the hills, water, men and animals but it was when he found the need of expressing something not concrete he must have been hard put to it to find a suitable design. For instance, perhaps he wanted to express brightness or lustre. There was no material subject alone to give his meaning, and so to show his thought he drew a picture of both the sun and the moon shining together, the brightest things that he could think of and the character is almost the same to-day.

The Spirit of Invention.  
In the same way when he wanted to use the verb to see, then unknown, he decided that to see clearly one shades the eyes with the hand; and accordingly drew a character composed of a hand over an eye. Later the ancient writer wished to express "calamity" or "great misfortune" so, returning to the idea used in the first example he took the two greatest enemies of man, fire and water and joined them together. There were many illustrations of this sort and all of them were very interesting as each character was portrayed in four stages of its growth, from the time it was first invented and seeing these together one could easily connect the different strokes of the brush to construct the desired word.

After these simple characters those of a more composite nature were explained which, though a little more complicated and difficult to follow in places, were yet very interesting to the audience, and included some amusing notes on the ways of the Chinese fortune teller and how he reasons his prophecies. Then after a few more explanations as to how the Chinese writer arrived at his definition of the word "good," shown by the picture of a woman and a child the lecture was ended and the meeting, after a very enjoyable afternoon, broke up.

## FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

PROPOSED SANATORIUM IN MANCHURIA.

LUNG COMPLAINTS RIFE.

The proposed establishment of a sanatorium for consumptives, together with the one now maintained by the S.M.R. Co. at Beppu Hot Springs, Japan, has been objected to by the Prefectural authorities concerned. There is how a plan afoot to open a sanatorium for consumptives somewhere in Manchuria staffed with competent specialists, so as to save many lives that might otherwise have been wasted away. While the above scheme has not yet materialised, S.M.R. Co. people seem to feel in duty bound to provide some such relief alike to the Company's servants and outsiders. South Manchuria has hitherto been looked upon as a bad place for one susceptible to a lung complaint. In the absence of statistics for the general public, the figures prepared by the Company's Sanitation Office for 1924 and 1925 may be quoted, by which returns 52.2 per cent. of the total invalidated was from consumption.

## BRAVE INDIAN BOY.

Delhi, Dec. 2.—Lahore.—The certificate of the Royal Humane Society, over the signature of the Prince of Wales, has been granted to an Indian lad of ten for his gallant action in plunging into the seething waters of a mountain current and rescuing his sister.

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The importance of Brazil as an outlet for Japanese emigration and a great virgin area for the investment of capital so that the Brazilians may properly exploit it was stressed by Mr. Shichita Tatsuki, formerly Japanese Ambassador, at Rio de Janeiro, who has recently returned to Japan, in an address at the Pan-Pacific Club's luncheon at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo.

"During my three years' residence in Brazil," Mr. Tatsuki said, "I was satisfied to find that our economic interests are as closely bound up with those of Brazil as with other countries with which Japan maintains friendly relations. More especially from the point of view of the emigration question, I can affirm that there is no country which presents a greater importance for us than Brazil. Brazil, with her enormous area and her inexhaustible natural resources, has not the sufficient man power needed for her exploitation. And Japan, with her overflowing population, with great facility, provide the necessary assistance."

"Moreover, as regards Brazil, the supply of capital is a subject of equal importance," Ambassador Tatsuki continued. "Have we not already seen capitalist countries like Britain, France and the United States of North America, and so many others in the West, lending their financial assistance to Brazil in order to enable her to turn to advantage her invaluable but unexploited riches? Why should not Japan follow the example of these countries in this respect? Why should we not put our surplus capital at the disposal of Brazil as well as our overflow of man power? Besides, to utilize to the utmost the capabilities of our emigrants, they also will require our financial assistance."

"I hope, therefore, that this country will not neglect to take into serious consideration this question of introducing Japanese capital into Brazil concurrently with the encouragement of emigration—capital which is necessary no less for the exploitation of the riches of Brazil than for the progress of our Japanese colonists in that most hospitable and kindly land."

"In this way, Japan can contribute to the economic development of Brazil, and draw, at the same time, from the products of the fields and forests of that country, so highly favoured by nature, the raw material necessary for the industries which happily have made such rapid progress of late in our country—a progress on which we cannot but congratulate ourselves."

## BRAKES FAIL.

SIGNALMAN'S PRESENCE OF MIND.

AVERTS TRAIN DISASTER.

London, December 2.—The remarkable presence of mind of a signalman at Colburn, Swanscombe Valley, in twice diverting a runaway goods train, averted what would have been a serious disaster.

The goods train was descending the gradient overlooking Craigynow Castle, the home of the late Madams Patti, when the brakes failed and the train dashed towards the junction on the main line where a passenger train was due.  
The signalman promptly diverted it to a branch line. Here another passenger train was due. The driver and the fireman of the goods train leapt clear, but the signalman in the nick of time again diverted the goods train to a siding where it crashed.  
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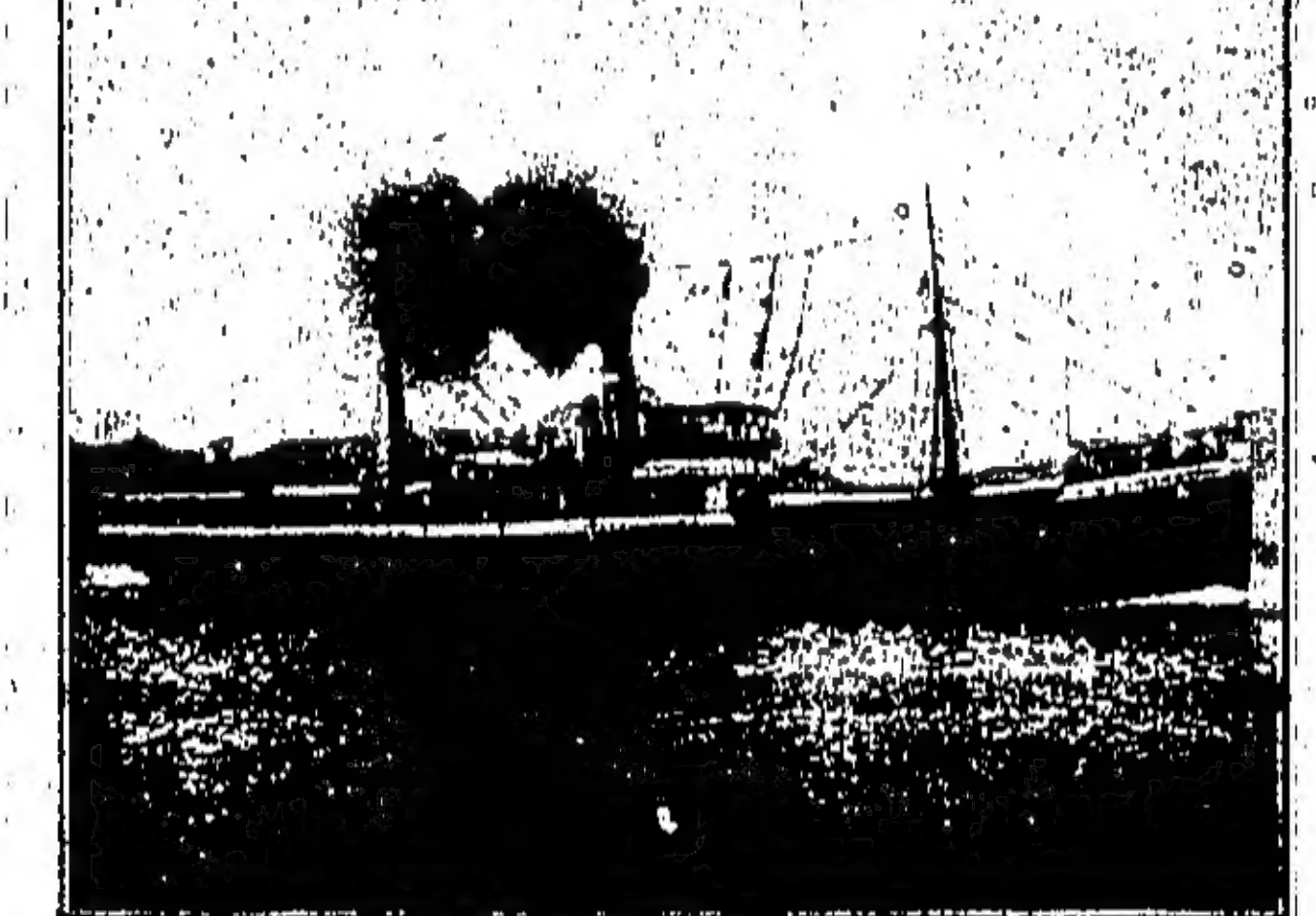
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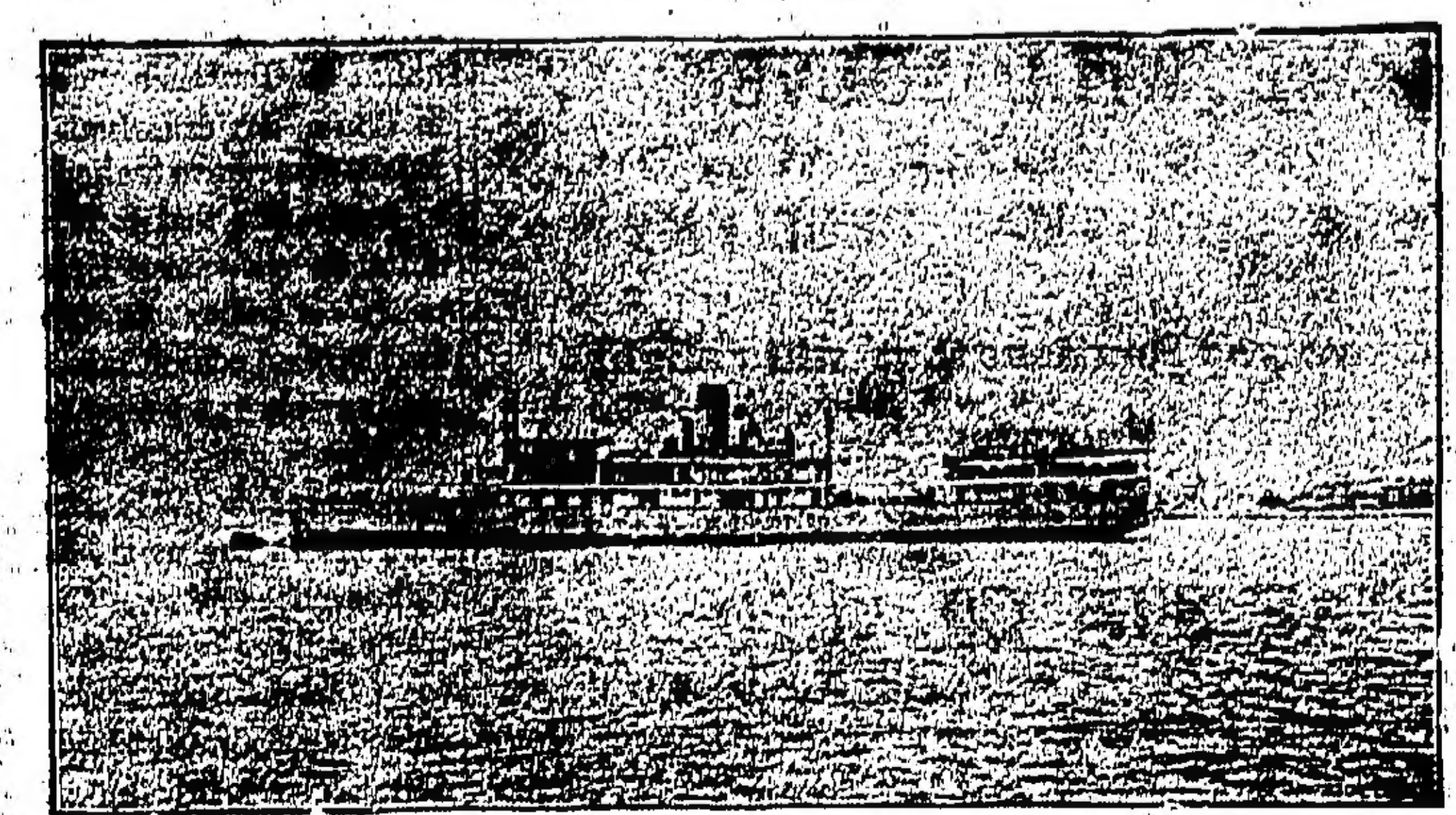
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**DEATH.**

**VIVIAN.**—On December 16, 1926, at Sea, James Vivian, Shanghai Gas Company, aged 47 years.

**A "NEW" POLICY.**

It is not to be wondered at that official circles in London are reticent regarding the British memorandum handed to the foreign Ministers in Peking. Naturally all the Treaty Powers must have an opportunity of considering the document fully. Until their views thereon are communicated to Great Britain it would be premature to discuss any single proposal either on the assumption that it meets with the unqualified approval of all concerned or that it is bound to be brought into operation.

As a matter of fact, whilst the memorandum has been widely hailed as Britain's "new" policy in China, an examination of the details that have leaked out serve to emphasise that it is merely an effort to galvanise Britain's old policy—a policy that has been built up and consolidated throughout the years; a policy founded on the spirit of the Washington Agreement; a policy at once harmonious to the sentiments of the Chinese themselves. That opportunities have been lacking hitherto to give full effect to such policy surely cannot be laid to the door of Great Britain. That both the Extraterritoriality Conference and the Tariff Conference proved more or less a diplomatic "wash out" cannot be blamed solely on Great Britain. Any policy of any of the Treaty Powers premised a strong Central Government with whom to dis-

cuss and negotiate. China's own weakness in this important respect cannot be misconstrued as a law in British policy.

The British document is described in London as "a general exposition of the British attitude toward China, rather than a concrete scheme for a comprehensive settlement." Here is confirmation not of any "new" British policy but of a reiteration of "old" British policy plus a quest for a lever wherewith to raise some of the main planks of that policy to the sphere of practicality without any undue loss of time. Far from any desire to meddle with or intervene in China's domestic affairs, Great Britain is animated only by a desire to help China to help herself in accordance with the provisions of the Washington Agreement. In exploring the possibilities of accelerating a reform scheme Great Britain reveals herself once more as a true friend of China—in thorough keeping with her recognition of Chinese aspirations and ideals.

**Church and Advertising.**

We were interested to notice on the front page of a Shanghai contemporary a large displayed advertisement in connection with the Bishop of London's visit to the Northern Settlement. Perhaps that institution which stands to gain most from a paper's news and publicity service is the Church. Among the more conservative there is still some prejudice against this form of publicity. They feel that the display advertising of a church is undignified and inconsistent with the church spirit. This belief probably comes largely from a misconception of the real function of advertising. New advertising is merely giving through the use of the printing press that information and incidental commendation which must be given in order that people may avail themselves of a commodity or a service. The substitution of printed for spoken words is necessary when large numbers of people are to be addressed. Advertising of a kind appropriate for church announcements is more dignified than some of the methods resorted to by non-advertising churches, and the fact that advertising is now being introduced by the national bodies in Europe and America of some of the leading denominations probably ensures that this prejudice will soon pass away. By no other method can the church carry its message to so large a number of people. It can attract new attendants and retain the interest of present ones. Moreover, we think we are right in saying that experience has shown that the advertising outlay is often more than made up by the plate contributions of additional people who are attracted by the advertisements. The church, like the distributor of a commodity, seeks to get people to do a thing which it is to their advantage to do. The church has the same task of selecting from the public as a whole those individuals who are responsive to an appeal, attracting their attention, awakening their interest, stimulating their desire and moving their wills. That churches are destined to turn to advertising is as certain as the fact that they have something which many people would want. The churches are exactly where thousands of manufacturers and retailers would be to-day without advertising. They occupy big plants with heavy overhead expenses but with small output. The most expensive thing about a church is an empty seat, for it costs no more to prepare a service for a houseful than for a handful.

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**FERRY "CRUSH."****PLANS FOR GREATER COMFORT.****ALTERATIONS BEGUN.**

Plans are in hand for alterations at the ferry which it is hoped will prevent to a great extent the impeding of outward and inward traffic. Entrance and exit points are to be clearly defined by barriers and immediate access to the gangway when embarking will be made by a gate at a point much nearer to the seaward end of the wharf than at present. These disembarking will land in a similar manner to that provided for under the existing system.

The ticket office will be on the right hand side of the "fairway" and incoming and outgoing passengers are asked to keep to the right between barriers.

Whereas, previously, passengers clustered at the gate closely adjoining the present ticket office, the urge will now be towards the end of the wharf and reconstruction is now in hand for an extension of the wharf by 30 feet to allow protection for waiting passengers.

**ORDERS DISOBEYED.****LIENSHING PASSENGERS' FOLLY.****EVIDENCE AT INQUIRY.**

Shanghai, Dec. 21. "It was owing to their disobedience of instructions that passengers lost their lives," declared Captain Simpson, at the Naval enquiry into the loss of the s.s. "Lienshing," held at the British Court this morning.

Capt. Simpson stated that he had made 68 trips between Tientsin and Shanghai without having had an accident.

He left the bridge at 2.15 on the morning of December 12, and went below. On returning at 3 a.m. he found the course had been altered. He went to get bearings at 3.50, but there was not any time for this as the vessel struck the rocks 3 to 4 minutes after the second mate had reported rocks on the port bow.

The second officer, Mr. J. W. Macabe, stated to the Court that, contrary to the Captain's standing order, he had not informed the latter of the vessel's changed course.

The hearing was adjourned.—*Reuter.*

**PANAMA CANAL.****PENDING UNITED STATES TREATY.**

Washington, Dec. 21. The text of the treaty pending between Panama and the United States is published. If the treaty is ratified Panama will be bound to co-operate to the utmost to protect and defend the Canal, and if a conflict breaks out to consider herself a joint enemy with the United States.—*Reuter's American Service.*

**22,000 MILE FLIGHT.**

San Antonio, Dec. 21. With the twofold object of demonstrating the friendship of North, South and Central America and awakening interest in commercial aviation, five Army aeroplanes, under the command of Major Dargue have left on a 22,000-mile flight around South America.—*Reuter's American Service.*

**MADEIRA ESCAPES.**

Funchal, Dec. 21. The earthquake has not affected Madeira.—*Reuter.*  
[A cable dated September 19 stated:—A great earthquake shock of three seconds duration was experienced to-day in Lisbon and Madeira. Considerable damage was done in Lisbon. There was much alarm but no casualties. There is no news as to the effects of the earthquake in Madeira.]

**STORY OF A BRIBE.****CHARGE AGAINST INDIAN WARDER.****MAGISTRATE DOUBTFUL.**

The usual crowd of Chinese locking-on was absent from Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court at the Central Magistracy this morning, its place being taken by a multi-coloured be-turbaned audience of Sikh warders, watchman and other Indians.

The attraction turned out to be a charge against an Indian warder serving at Victoria Jail.

Mr. J. W. Franks, superintendent of Prisons, prosecuted and Mr. C. McCallum defended the accused who, it is alleged, attempted to bribe a European officer when charged with a breach of the prison regulations.

Mr. Franks informed the Court that the defendant had been charged before him with giving a prisoner in the printing shop certain envelopes to print on what was apparently Government paper. A second charge had been framed on a statement made by the defendant to Warder Collins, namely that it would cost him \$5 if reported and that it would be better if Warder Collins took the money instead. He, Mr. Franks, had regarded the matter as being too serious to deal with himself, hence it had been brought into Court.

**For Whose Benefit?**

Mr. McCallum said that he thought that the Ordinance presupposed that it must be for the benefit of the prisoner. This might be a case of breach of prison discipline, but he did not think that it came within the spirit of the regulations.

His Worship: I see. Your point is that actions declared illegal must be for the benefit of the prisoners?

Mr. McCallum said that he felt that this was a case which should be dealt with by the prison authorities themselves.

Mr. Lindsell said that he would hear evidence.

**Evidence.**  
William M. Robertson, Assistant Chief Warder at Victoria Jail, said that the defendant had been reported to him by Warder Collins.

His Worship: This is not evidence. Call Warder Collins.

Warder Collins said that he was on duty in the jail printing shop when he saw a Chinese prisoner handling some envelopes. He got hold of the prisoner, whereupon the defendant approached him and asked him not to report the matter. Defendant said to witness: "If you report me, I shall get fined \$5. More better you take it."

Mr. McCallum: Does it not strike you that your interpretation of his English is your English? According to you, he speaks English as well as you. You don't vary even the grammar. Nevertheless that is what he said. Witness, in answer to further questions, agreed that defendant spoke English as well as the average Indian warder.

In reply to the Magistrate, Mr. Franks said that the defendant held the "1st English" certificate.

Re-called, Assistant Chief Warder Robertson said that defendant spoke English well.

Mr. McCallum: In all fairness to the man, do you say that his English is so proficient that he could speak as well as Warder Collins?—I don't say that he is proficient. I am prepared to admit that.

Defendant, in the witness box, admitted ordering the prisoner to print the envelopes, but denied having offered the European warder \$5.

His Worship said that he did not think the verbal offer of a bribe was sufficient for him to convict the man. He would like to hear what Mr. Franks had to say with regard to the first charge.

Mr. Franks said that he thought the regulation was framed to prevent trafficking. It was most improbable that a prisoner would take the risk unless he was to get a quid pro quo out of it. It was not easy to detect a case against a prison officer and the authorities wanted to make an example of it. That was why, in spite of certain disciplinary powers invested in him as superintendent, he had brought the matter into Court.

His Worship said that he would like to consider the matter. He would give his decision on Friday at 2.15.

Ball was allowed as before.

**TODAY'S DOLLAR**

The floating rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 1/11 3/16.

**COLONY'S MONEY.***(Continued from page 1.)*

a general all round increase in the price of provisions, etc. This amounted to 23 per cent. In fact of this it was decided only to give the contract for the first six months of the year in the hope that prices after this period would have fallen. This however was not the case and the Government was obliged to renew the contract till the end of the year.

The supplementary vote of \$6,500 taken in August was entirely for the Peak Hospital and had nothing to do with the general hospitals.

**Hong Kong at Wembley.**  
Under British Empire Exhibition, \$18,500 is asked for. The explanation given is:—

The estimated expenditure for the Wembley Exhibition, 1925, was \$25,000 sterling on Expense Account and in addition an advance of \$100,000 (repayable) was made on Trading Account.

On Expense Account \$22,968-15-0 has been drawn to date by the Exhibition Treasurers, and \$5,197.63 has further been disbursed by the Colonial Government. The full \$100,000 Trading Account was advanced, and \$30,000 only has been repaid to date. It is anticipated that a further \$10,000 will be recovered. To close all outstanding accounts including the settlement of the balance of the Trading Account a final sum of \$15,500 is required. The unexpended balance of the vote of \$25,000 namely \$17,024 having lapsed in 1925 the sum now asked for is in the nature of a re-vote.

**"Sunning" Expenses.**  
The "Sunning" piracy has also resulted in a vote being asked for. Under the heading of Police, secret service, \$1,000 is asked for "further anticipated expenditure."

In the Estimates, \$8,000 was allotted for secret service. On July 22 a further \$8,000 was voted owing to expenditure being heavier than was anticipated due to exceptional circumstances.

Of this \$16,000, \$14,301.64 had been spent up to Nov. 30. For December, another \$1,000 is needed, leaving a balance of \$688.36.

The "Sunning" piracy will cause expenses amounting to about \$1,700 so that the additional \$1,000 is now being asked for.

**Some Other Items.**  
Under Personal Emoluments are the following:—Attorney-General's Department \$540, office of Crown Solicitor and Land Registry \$370.

Partly due to the opening of new stations and additional rented quarters and partly to the installation of a battery charger for the wireless set at the Water Police station, Kowloon, \$8,300 is needed for the Police Force, under "other charges, lights and electric fans."

For the Volunteers, \$700 is requested to meet "uniform, including boots."

Cost of Police Regulation Books is down at \$3,546. In constructional works, there are the following:—P.W.D., Kowloon distributing mains, improvements and extensions \$3,000; Port works, further reclamation at Shamsui \$7,500.

**WUCHOW'S STRIKE.****HONG KONG SHIPS STILL GOING.****THE RIVAL PARTIES.**

In spite of the general strike which began last week-end at Wuchow (the West River port) and which is stated to have been settled on Monday, Hong Kong steamboats are still going there with cargo and passengers.

Yesterday the s.s. "Kwong Ying" and "Kwong Fook Cheung" left Hong Kong for the usual ports but it is understood that they have instructions to wait at Samahui for further news before going on to Wuchow.

The necessity for caution is due to the West River Seamen's Guild allegedly siding with the Wuchow city Party of the Kuomintang (with which the Labour Unions are sympathetic). On the other side are the Wuchow district Party of the Kuomintang, peasants, students, military and police.

**The Effect on Shipping.**  
Armed police pickets are on duty in the city and an under-current of uneasiness prevails.

The District Party and their allies demand the deportation from Wuchow of three prominent members of the city Party and the Labour Unions threaten a general strike again.

Accordingly, it is felt that the arrival of Hong Kong steamers at Wuchow during a crisis would be inopportune owing to the possibility of crews having to leave in sympathy with the general movement and the boats being tied up indefinitely at Wuchow.



## PEAK "FAIRIES."

ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING AT SCHOOL.

LADY CLEMENTI'S PRAISE.

Speaking of her schooldays, prior to distributing the prizes at the Peak School to-day (held in the Peak Club), Lady Clementi said that she and her school-mates only thought of the work they did themselves without thinking of the teachers' part.

After what she had seen this morning, she now realised that the teachers had a great deal more to do with the result than was supposed.

Lady Clementi remarked that the Peak School must have had a fairy to assist them as they made such wonderful fairy frocks for the display.

"Extraordinarily Well."

Here it may be mentioned that the "fairy" in question, who takes such interest in the Peak School, is Mrs. J. A. E. Bullock, who did a great deal towards making the School's display a thorough success.

Parents and friends turned up in large numbers as did other Peak residents.

Lady Clementi was accompanied by Miss Williams and the Misses Clementi. Mr. E. Ralph, Inspector of English Schools, read the report and thanked Lady Clementi for giving away the prizes. He said that the school had done extraordinarily well. The display had been very, very good. That the children had been well taught in their drawing was evident from the lovely programmes they turned out. The wonderful show provided was a credit to the staff.

A Fine Display.

Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, was an interested spectator. Among others noticed present were Prof. L. Forster of the University, the Rev. H. Copley Moyle (Chaplain of St. John's Cathedral and the Peak Church), the Rev. W. T. Featherstone (headmaster of the Diocesan Boys' School), Mr. E. B. C. Hornell (hon. secretary of the Peak Residents' Association) and Mrs. Hornell.

Before the actual distribution of prizes, the children acquitted themselves well in a fine display that bore the hall mark of sympathetic training.

The programme and prize list are given below, each of the happy youngsters being greeted with applause on receiving their prizes at the hands of Lady Clementi.

## ANNUAL REPORT.

The report for the year 1926 of the Headmistress (Mrs. P. J. Stark) was presented as follows: Attendance.—The School year began on Jan. 4 with 52 pupils and closed on Dec. 23 with 54 pupils.

Health.—Many children have been kept away from school, from time to time, with influenza colds. One case of infectious disease was notified—chicken-pox. The School was thoroughly disinfected and no other case occurred. Dr. Minett medically examined the children with good results.

Staff.—Miss Peck, acting Headmistress, gave over charge to Mrs. Stark, former Headmistress, on Jan. 7. Mrs. Lambert joined the staff on Jan. 5. Miss Birt went on leave on Feb. 6. Miss Peck resigned and went home on March 24. On April 26 Miss Buckwell joined the staff.

Work.—Twelve children were presented in June for the Royal Drawing Society's preparatory examination. Ten out of the twelve passed, four of whom got honours.

The class work and examination work in all subjects have been satisfactorily done throughout the year.

The children gave a Display of singing, dancing and recitation in the Peak Club during the Easter term and it was greatly enjoyed by all who saw it. We were to have given the same display again on July 22 in aid of charity, but the bad rain storm and typhoon forced us to postpone it. Meanwhile the money gathered by the children was handed over to Mr. Copley Moyle who sent it home for the upkeep of a cripple child. Those who bought tickets for that display have been asked to come to this one instead. The children have also worked for charity in the M.C.L. Club held at the Mount from May to September.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the staff for their willing help and co-operation throughout the year.

## PRIZE LIST.

The prize list was as follows:—Class 10:—George Cardwell, Peter Cornaby, Robin Hall, George Piercy, Peggy Lambert, Joan Bloomfield, Jean Blackwell,

## "SAIKUNG" ROBBERY

CONTRADICTIONS BY INDIAN GUARDS.

JUDGE CENSURES WITNESS.

At the resumed hearing this morning of the case against five Chinese charged with complicity in robbery about the a.s. "Saikung" and the murder of an Indian guard, a Chinese elder of the Tan Wa Wan village gave evidence as to five men calling at his store and leaving three rifles. Witness was unable to identify any of the prisoners but stated that his eyesight was very bad, his eyes having been damaged by a dynamite blast some years ago.

As an example of his defective vision, witness said that he could not see counsel's table (in the court) at all clearly.

Mr. H. S. Lo (counsel for the defence) said that witness, according to evidence given previously, appeared to have noticed what the five men in question were carrying all right even if he could not see their features.

His Lordship interrupted and remarked that in his own case he could see certain rifles clearly which were in the court as exhibits but he could not see the features of Mr. Gordon Leask (solicitor instructing counsel).

One of the Indian guards who was aboard the launch at the time of the attack gave evidence, stating that he was standing with his back to the stairs leading to the bridge when he was seized from behind and thrown overboard.

Asked whether he could identify any of the prisoners, witness said that he could not. Just before he was thrown overboard he caught a glimpse of five men with revolvers behind him. He could not recognise them.

Another Indian guard was called and gave contradictory statements of what had happened, stating that he had his rifle with him when attacked and that he held on to it until he was struck and rendered insensible. He dropped to the ground and jumped overboard when he saw the police launch.

Witness was censured by His Lordship who told him to think before he spoke and not to speak before he thought. Witness must not use his imagination. He had already contradicted himself several times.

Half way through the examination of this witness, Mr. Dyer Ball said that he did not think it worth while to proceed any further with him.

The case is proceeding.

[At yesterday afternoon's hearing, counsel for the defence suggested to a witness that the deceased Indian guard had been accidentally killed by the other guards in the course of a struggle with the robbers.]

Daphne Macready, Robin Henderson, Catherine Sherry, Charlotte Sanger, Hugh Featherstone, Anne Marcel, Paul Hofstede, Amy Hofstede, Anne Forster, Pauline Gray for General Proficiency.

Class 9:—Elaine Conant, Betty Noll, Hele Forster, James Dallin, Margaret Rod, David Wallace, David Crook, Malloch Stark, Richard Cassidy, Harold Conant, Freddie Rodgers, Creswell Clementi for General Proficiency.

Class 8:—Margaret Forster, Class Prize 1st; Shiona MacKichan, Class Prize 2nd and Drawing certificate; Robert Rodgers, Class Prize 3rd; Edward Rodgers, Class Prize 4th; Helen Lindsell, General Improvement; Bobby Yates, General Improvement.

Class 7:—Nancy Hornell, Class Prize 1st and Honours, Drawing certificate; Heather Hance, Class Prize 2nd and Drawing certificate; Betty Conant, Conduct Prize and Drawing certificate; Barbara Hance, Drawing certificate.

Class 6:—Muriel Gubbay, Class Prize 1st and Special Prize for Neatness; Marion Lane, Class Prize 2nd, Honours, Drawing certificate and Special Prize for Scripture; Mary Chesterton, Class Prize 3rd and Drawing certificate; Edward Bullock, General Improvement; Morley Horder, Drawing certificate; Joyce Kearney, Honours Drawing certificate.

## THE PROGRAMME.

The programme of entertainment provided by the students comprised:—

Play.—La Belle au Bois Dormant, with dance Tableau.  
Song.—"Ten Little Nigger Boys" and "The Elf and the Dornmouse."  
Dance.—Irish Jig.  
Songs, etc.—Times Dance; Spinning Tops; Playmates.  
Recitation, etc.—From "Midsummer Night's Dream."  
Song Tableau.—Xmas Tree.

## Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

POPULAR SOCIAL FOR SERVICES.

PLANS FOR XMAS.

A merry Christmas, and good luck in the New Year to all Y.M.C.A. members. How often one hears in Hong Kong the cry, "it is not like Christmas out here!" It is better, we think, for first of all there is the delightful climate at this time of the year, and then there is the 'Y.'

The members have issued invitations to friends in the Services, and it is certain that there will be a large gathering at the special mid-day Christmas dinner on Saturday, which will be followed by a soccer match against H.M.S. "Hawkins," and a hockey match against H.M. Sub. L.S. These matches will start at 3.15, and we are very grateful to the H.K. Hockey Club, and the Kowloon F.C. for so kindly lending us the grounds. Later on, after tea, there will be billiards and ping-pong tournaments held, supper being served from 7.30-8.30.

Friends in the Army and Navy are asked to accept an open invitation to the concert starting at 8.30. Refreshments are provided.

On Sunday, the Secretary will speak at the Quiet Hour in the Lounge at 9.15 p.m. on the subject of the Christmas message.

Boxing Day Tramp.  
Boxing Day, Monday, Dec. 27th, all members cannot go to Panlung, owing to various handicaps, or even to the Kowloon Golf Club, so why not join in the proposed tramp up the Lion Rock? The scenery is gorgeous, and tiffin free on arrival! Members please note. Friends are also invited.

There is always, as a last resort, the Library, replete with all the Christmas numbers, that have arrived at the opportune moment.

Last Thursday, the Y.M.C.A. met at Waterloo. It possesses many advantages, but one thing that it did not possess last Thursday was sufficient accommodation for the members of the Services who availed themselves of the invitation to the Social given in their honour.

Nevertheless, the evening proved a huge success, thanks to the work of the Social Committee who had arranged a very good programme, which included items by some of the guests, and also a very creditable performance by members of H.M.S. "Hermes" band, which was deservedly encored.

Sir Alan Cobham was out-flown when the Flying Y' took to their 'wings' last Saturday. There are more ways than by aeroplane of flying round Hong Kong, as the Y.M.C.A. knows. All that is needed is a motorcycle, or even a Morgan might do. It is also imperative to have enough to pay for your tea! To-night the Y.M.C.A. billiards team play a team from H.M.S. "Tamar" at 8.30 p.m.—Contributed.

## "TESS" AT QUEEN'S.

FAMOUS THOMAS HARDY'S STORY.

BEAUTIFUL ENGLAND.

Although not quite what one might have expected, with its modern setting and happy ending, the film version of Thomas Hardy's famous novel "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," yet makes an excellent movie play, with some splendid acting and more than one tensely dramatic situation. The mere fact that the picture has the first National imprint and was produced by Marshall Neilan would alone guarantee its merit, but the further fact that the leading roles are filled by Blanche Sweet (as Tess), Conrad Nagel (as Angel Clare) and Stuart Holmes (as Alec D'Urberville) puts in the front rank of the season's productions. The story is too well known to need recapitulating here—does it not belong to the literature of all time?—but mention must be made of the fact that the outdoor settings have all been filmed in the actual Wessex country of the story. Thus the picture is specially attractive for British cinema-goers inasmuch as it shows some delightful glimpses of old England, not the least striking being Stonehenge in the early morning. A glimpse of London, grey and smoky, is welcome too.

Besides "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," the programme at the Queen's Theatre to-day offers several other interesting items, the first of which (at 5.10 and 9.20 p.m. only) is an excellent violin solo "La Ronde de Lutin" by an accomplished performer in the person of Mr. Conrado de la Cruz, who is the composer of the "Empress of Australia March" played by the Queen's Orchestra as an overture. The other items are a Gaumont graphic depicting news events in mail week, and a Prizma-Colour film—quite one of the best yet screened—showing the manifold beauties of Torquay. This programme will be submitted for the last time this evening, the picture for to-morrow being "The Man on the Box" with Syd Chaplin in the leading role.

## WILFUL DAMAGE.

A QUESTION OF HOW MUCH.

SHIP'S OFFICER FINED.

A loss of temper, following allegations of the theft of a gold ring and \$30 at a house in Lyndhurst Terrace in the early hours of this morning, had its sequel at the Central Magistracy later in the day when Alfred Lewis Clark, a junior officer on the s.s. "President Jefferson" was charged before Mr. E. E. Lindsell with causing wilful damage to a hall stand, mirror and two panes of window glass, the property the Russian occupant of the house.

Complainant said the damage done amounted to \$60.

Asked by his Worship whether he admitted the charge, defendant said that it was true, but he did not know how the complainant had arrived at the amount.

His Worship: How is the damage assessed?

The sergeant who arrested the defendant said that the things were "smashed to atoms." Defendant had used a poker.

His Worship: Surely \$50 is excessive?—That is what the lady says. I should put it at \$15.

His Worship: What was it all about?—The defendant says that they would not let him out and that he lost a ring and \$30. He was not intoxicated when he arrived at the station, in fact, he was perfectly sober.

His Worship: Why did you do it?

Defendant: I was ushered into another room. I was going out when I found my dragon ring and the balance of my money had gone. I naturally inquired about it, but they ridiculed my questions. The girl, however, admits seeing it on my finger.

His Worship: Can the complainant produce any evidence to support her claim for the amount of the damage? I cannot believe that \$60 is a fair amount.

The complainant said that \$50

## KOWLOON THEFT.

STIFF SENTENCE FOR SNATCHER.

LADY WHO GAVE CHASE.

The third bag-snatching episode to occur within forty-eight hours had its sequel at the Central Magistracy this morning when a Chinese was charged before Mr. Schofield with snatching a hand-bag from Mrs. Butler, of Glenholme, Kimberley Road, Kowloon, when that lady was walking down Des Voeux Road, Central, yesterday evening.

Complainant said that the bag contained \$202. She immediately gave chase and the man was caught a few yards down the road by a Chinese who came to her rescue.

In reply to the Magistrate, defendant said that he had nothing to say.

His Worship sent the man to jail for six months with hard labour and ordered him to receive twelve strokes with the birch.

## SEPOY CHARGED.

Sepoy Pola Ram, of the 5/2 Punjab Regt., appeared at the Criminal Sessions this morning charged with the attempted murder of an Indian officer in the same regiment.

The alleged attack is stated to have been made with a hatchet at the Punjabis' quarters in November.

After the prisoner had been charged and pleaded not guilty a jury was empanelled and the case adjourned until this afternoon.

was the sum she had been told to assess the damage at.

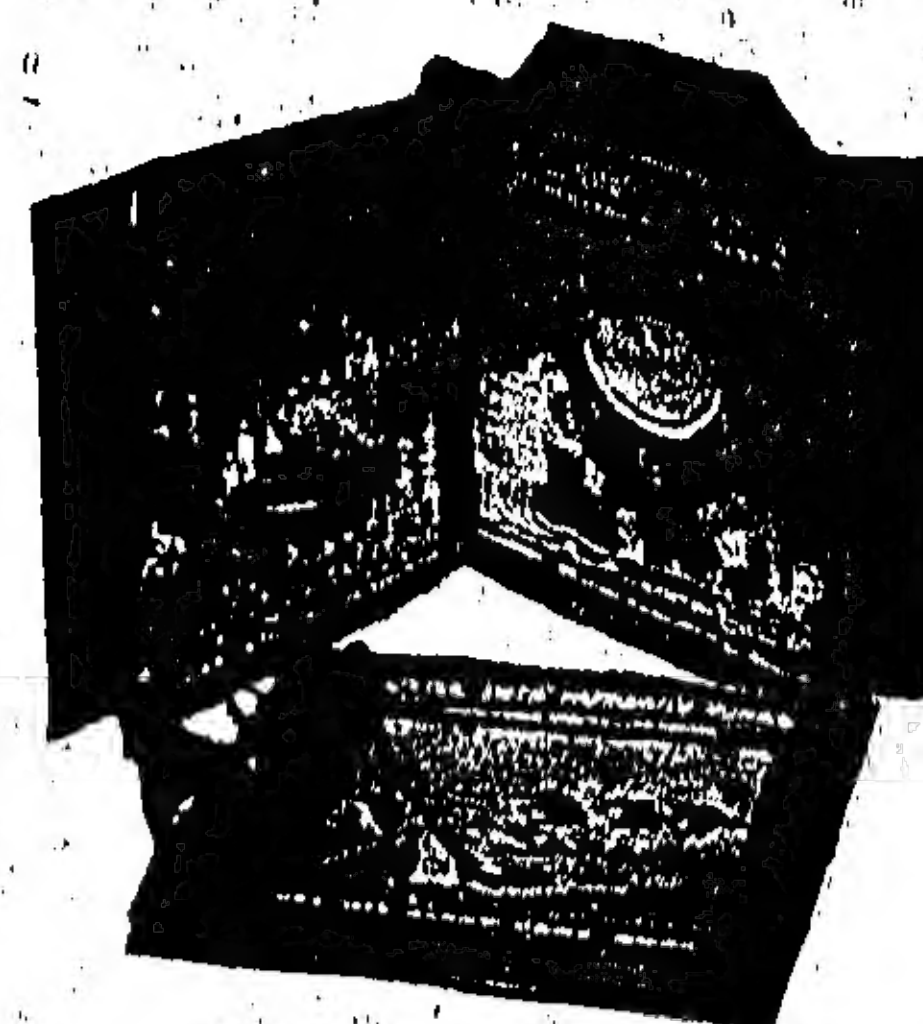
His Worship (to defendant): You are fined \$10 and in addition to that, you will pay the complainant for the damage. Can you find the money?

Defendant replied that he could.

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as there is only a limited supply  
available this year.

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At the Peak Church, Holy  
Communion will be celebrated on  
Christmas Day at 8 a.m.—Advt.

On Monday the Colony had a  
cloud bill of health, no case of notifi-  
cable disease being returned during  
the 24 hours.

During the Christmas holidays,  
the local exchange banks will be  
closed for the transaction of public  
business on Saturday and Monday.

A report has reached Central  
Police Station that a small matchbox  
in the Chinese cemetery on Mount  
Davis was destroyed by fire, on  
Monday.

Mrs. E. M. Clark, Headmistress  
of Victoria British School, extends  
an invitation to friends who may  
care to be present at the open Day  
and Sale of Work at 10.30 a.m. to-  
morrow at the School.

Three Chinese charged before  
Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon  
Magistrate's yesterday, with being in  
unlawful possession of two daggers,  
were remanded in custody for a  
week, bail being refused.

Mr. Ho Leung, Comptroller of  
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.,  
Ltd., reported to the Police yester-  
day that a clerk of his had absconded  
with about \$3,000, which he had  
collected from various shops on be-  
half of Mr. Ho Leung.

At Messrs. Komor & Komor's,  
St. George's Building, there will be  
a two weeks' exhibition of "pearl"  
necklaces, brooches, rings, etc.,  
brought by Mr. Kodaka, the whole-  
sale pearl merchant, from Japan.  
Inspection is cordially invited.

The first of a series of Christ-  
mas entertainments was given at  
the Royal Naval Theatre last night  
by the ship's company of H.M.S.  
"Vindictive". The programme will  
be repeated to-night and to-morrow  
night, the concert beginning at 8.45.  
The programme includes songs,  
dances, instrumental music, old sea  
songs (introduced during the sup-  
posed voyage of a ship) appropriate-  
ly known as the "Skylark," and a  
sketch. There was an appreciative  
audience last night, the numbers of  
which were rather thinned by the  
counter attraction of the boxing.

A Congregation will be held at  
the University on Jan. 11 for con-  
ferring degrees. Tea is to be  
served at 4 p.m. and the degree  
ceremony follows at 5 p.m.  
Academic dress is to be worn.

On Tuesday, the following  
cases of notifiable disease occurred  
in the Colony:—one of diphtheria  
from Kowloon and another from  
Aberdeen village; one of enteric  
fever (typhoid) from the city dis-  
trict. All patients are Chinese.

Wall Street estimates that  
Christmas gratuities will amount  
to between thirty-five and fifty  
million dollars. The banks had  
a prosperous year and are giving  
the same as last year, while the  
Stock Exchange has not done so  
well and is giving smaller gratui-  
ties.

A German expedition fin-  
anced by the Ethnological In-  
stitute at Leipzig and led by the  
anthropologist, Baron Von Eick-  
stedt, is en route to India and  
Ceylon to study the customs and  
lives of primitive tribes, particu-  
larly in Travancore, Malabar and  
the Himalayas.

The Tokyo Municipal Coun-  
cil has decided to start public  
works in the city with Yen 160,  
000 in order to relieve the unem-  
ployed in the winter season. It  
is understood that the number of  
those who are to be relieved of  
unemployment will be about 2,000  
persons.

A monkey that eats, and  
evidently relishes, matches, popu-  
larly supposed to be highly poison-  
ous, is owned by one of the officers  
aboard the destroyer "Pillsbury."

A favourite sport of members of  
the crew is to toss unlighted  
matches to the simian, who  
promptly devours the heads.

The F.M.S. Government is ad-  
vertising in the "British Medical  
Journal" for a second radiologist.

The Stahl town councillor  
and chief editor of the "Social  
Republic" has been sentenced to  
seven months' imprisonment for  
a libel on President Hindenburg.

Smarting under the rigid dis-  
cipline of the New Governor,  
Colonel Hales, the convicts of  
Parkhurst Prison mildly mutinied  
on November 28, singing the  
"Red Flag" and smashing the  
windows of their cells.

#### \* THEOSOPHY \*

"Some Aspirations in Theosophy"  
will be the subject of this week's  
PUBLIC LECTURE of the Hong Kong  
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CIETY, 7, Duddell Street, on THURS-  
DAY, December 23rd, at 8 p.m.  
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A new association entitled  
"The Association of the Citizens  
of the Shanghai Special Admin-  
istration Area" has been estab-  
lished in French town, where the  
"Three Province Co-operative  
Society" is also situated.

To-day is the Winter Sol-  
stice, the shortest day of the year.  
It is called "Tung-chih" in Chinese  
(Mandarin pronunciation) and is  
one of the four general business  
settling days in the Chinese calen-  
dar. It is also a holiday for the  
Chinese Maritime Customs.

Five men, one of whom dis-  
played a pistol, when they broke  
into a Chinese house, 384 Dent  
Road, Shanghai, proved not to be  
sufficiently terrifying to keep  
three women quiet. When one  
of the women gave tongue, the  
robbers fled in dismay, with no  
more booty than \$3.30 and the  
old lady's imprecations deafen-  
ing their ears. By way of re-  
taliation, two shots were fired,  
but even these failed to stop the  
flow of words. The police got  
the alarm, but the robbers were  
travelling too fast.

#### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The death is announced of  
Major-General Sir H. Fielden,  
the Crimea veteran.

Mr. C. H. Green, Secretary of  
the Whampoa Conservancy  
Board, Shanghai, returned from  
home leave by the P. and O. S.  
"Malwa."

Sir Frank Forbes Adam had a  
slight paralytic stroke and has been  
removed to hospital in London. It  
is stated that there is at present no  
cause for anxiety.

Admiral Sir Hugh Tophill has  
been placed on the retired list at  
his own request. He was Com-  
mander-in-Chief of the East  
Indies Squadron from 1919 to  
1921.

Mr. Justice Martineau, Puisne  
Judge of Lahore High Court,  
died at the age of 85 at the In-  
fectious Diseases Hospital,  
Lahore, on November 28, from  
an attack of small-pox.

The Board of Trustees of the  
Chamber of Commerce at  
Beverly Hills has announced to-  
day that Will Rogers, former  
cowboy actor and humorist, has  
been elected mayor of that city.

Mr. Finn, representative of the  
Hardeman Hat Company of Seat-  
tle, has arrived in Shanghai after  
a trip through Manchuria and  
North China. After a few days  
there he is planning to depart for  
Java.

The "North China Daily News"  
announces that Miss Frommel, who  
was recently the victim of an attack  
on the part of a former houseboy,  
has left the Country Hospital and  
is convalescing at the Shanghai  
American School.

The condition of Dr. V. K. Ting,  
has now greatly improved, and he  
is now able to take food. Mean-  
while, Mr. Hsu Yuan, Commissioner  
of Foreign Affairs, is acting as  
Director of the Shanghai and Woo-  
sung Port Development Bureau.

The War Office announces that  
Major-General O'Dowda has been  
appointed to command the Baluchis-  
tan district in succession to Major-  
General Sir Hastings Anderson,  
who has been appointed Quar-  
ter-master-General of the Forces.

Reminder: Hong Kong Police an-  
nual ball at the City Hall to-morrow  
night, commencing 9 o'clock.

Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G.,  
Mrs. Pearson and the Ward Room  
officers of H.M.S. "Tamar" are  
giving a dance on Wednesday,  
January 26.

Sir Robert Horne has left for  
India. He will visit Bombay,  
Calcutta, Delhi and Rangoon  
principally, but not solely, for  
business purposes.

Mr. A. Brand Calder arrived  
in Shanghai during the past week  
to take the place of Mr. George  
C. Howard, the American Trade  
Commissioner, who is going to  
the United States shortly on  
leave. For some time past, Mr.  
Calder has been attached to the  
American Embassy in Tokyo as  
Trade Commissioner.

The forthcoming wedding is an-  
nounced of Mr. James Harper  
Taggart, director of the Hong Kong  
and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., residing  
at the Republic Bay Hotel, to Mrs.  
Harry Turner, widow, of 738 Pell  
Street, San Francisco, U.S.A., and  
of Mr. Guy Athel Hartell, passen-  
ger agent, Dollar Steamship Line,  
residing at No. 4, Des Voeux Road,  
to Miss Edith Amy Marsh, of No.  
4, Des Voeux Road.

The latest recruit to the ranks  
of the Globe Trotters is Miss Ellen  
Broadbury, the 18-year old  
daughter of Mr. Broadbury (known  
as Mr. Frank Haxton on the turf),  
of the staff of Messrs. Powell. Miss  
Broadbury has taken part with the  
Globe Trotters in some of the per-  
formances which they have given  
locally. In spite of her youth,  
these were not the first appearances  
of Miss Broadbury in public per-  
formances, as she has travelled in  
India and the East with her mother  
and father as a trapeze and bare-  
back rider.

#### THE DUKE OF YORK.

Rugby, Dec. 21.

The battleship "Renown," which  
will carry the Duke and Duchess  
of York on their visit to New Zea-  
land and Australia, will leave  
Portsmouth on January 6. Four  
destroyers and five flying boats will  
accompany the cruiser as escort to  
Saint Catherine's Joint, Isle of  
Wight.—British Wireless Service.

Dr. F. R. Sayers has been ap-  
pointed to act as Chief Health  
Officer, Singapore.

Mrs. G. Stanley Lovett has ar-  
rived in Singapore from Australia,  
having recovered from her recent  
illness.

Sir Ronald Ross has arrived at  
Port Swettenham by steamer from  
Singapore. He is the guest of Sir  
Malcolm Watson at Klang.

At a committee meeting of the  
Singapore branch of the Royal So-  
ciety of St. George Mr. S. J.  
Vincent, of the Commercial Union,  
was elected hon. treasurer in place  
of Mr. J. W. D. Harding, who has  
resigned.

The visit of Sir Laurence Guil-  
lard, Governor of the Straits  
Settlements, to Siam has been pos-  
tponed until the end of next year.  
The visit was to have been paid at  
the end of this month, but owing to  
his Excellency's illness his medical  
advisers deemed it advisable that it  
should be postponed until the next  
cool season.

The Aga Khan saw his Italian  
wife, Theresa, in Paris, a few hours  
before her unexpected death. A  
Moslem religious ceremony was sub-  
sequently held at which the Aga  
Khan and the Persian Minister were  
present. The body was embalmed  
prior to its removal to Monaco,  
where it was buried alongside her  
child, which died in its infancy.

A study of hotels and methods  
of operation of the Orient is be-  
ing made by Mr. Don A. Goodwin,  
widely-known proprietor of the  
Hotel Akroy of Akron, Ohio, who  
has arrived in Shanghai. Mr.  
Goodwin, who is accompanied by his  
wife and is bound for Port Said, is  
an official of The Greeters, a na-  
tional organization of hotel owners  
and employees in the United States.

At the Great Eastern Hotel,  
Shanghai, Mr. R. J. Glendinning,  
Chief Traffic Inspector of the  
Shanghai-Nanking Railway, was en-  
tertained to dinner by the train  
guards, over 100 persons being as-  
sembled to do honour to the guest  
of the evening. Mr. Glendinning  
will retire from the Shanghai-Nan-  
king Railway after 21 years' service  
at the end of the year and will re-  
turn to Australia early in January.

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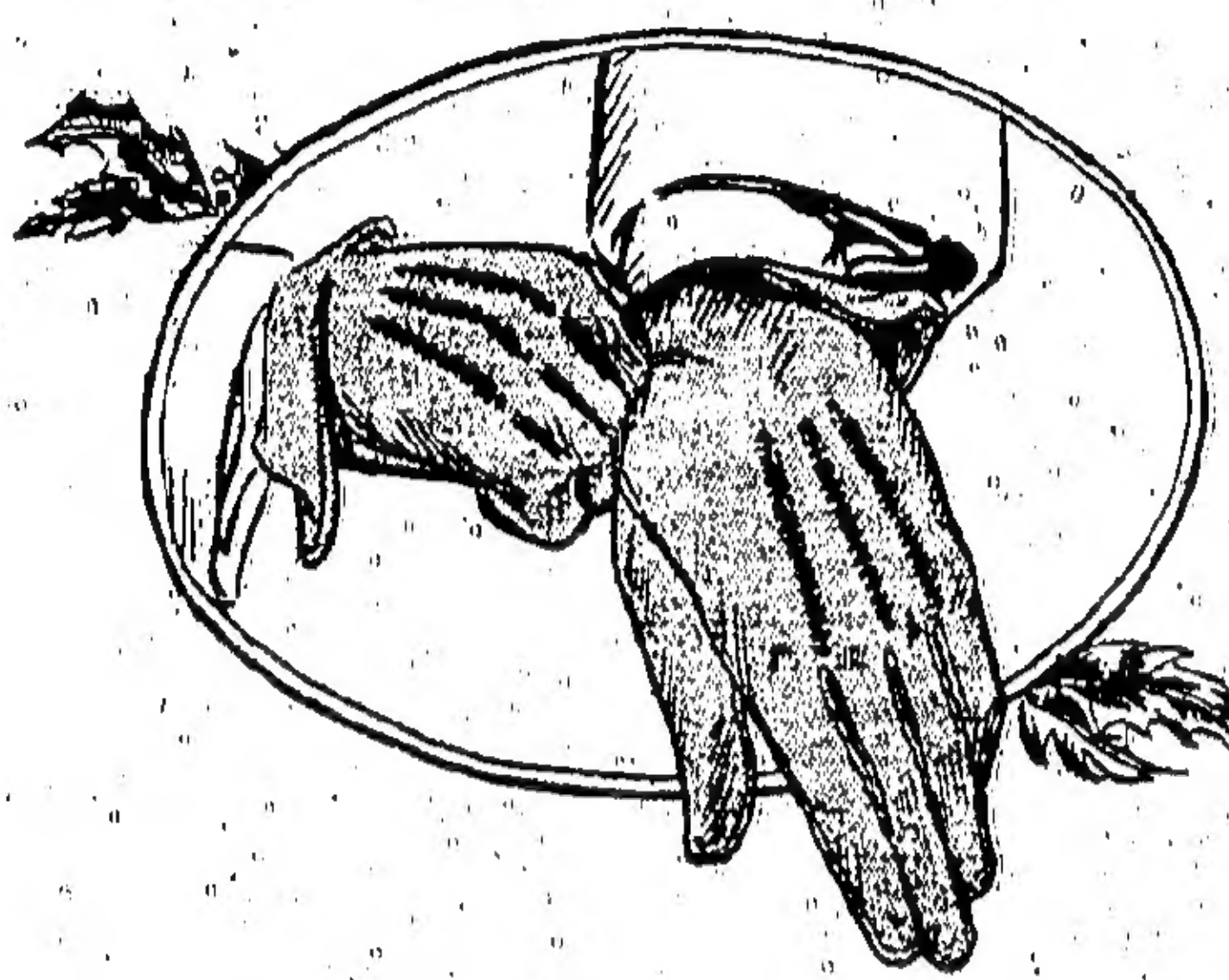
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## People and Events in the News of the World



Policeman Frank Murphy is shown bringing to Police headquarters a dummy fire hydrant. Merchants have placed them in front of their stores to discourage parking.



Romanians in their native dress are shown in front of the Greek Orthodox Church in Philadelphia, where she attended services.



Scenes like this are becoming common since Marines have been assigned to guard American mails. The idea might be adopted with parcels from Britain to Hong Kong following the complaint of a lady who recently received only an empty hat box.

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Mrs. Minna Clarke, Sunday school teacher, is shown in court at Somerville with her husband (left). Mrs. Clarke was accused of being an accessory to the Hall-Mills murder. All the accused were acquitted.



Miss Sophie Hillman, former secretary to the alien property custodian, was called as a witness in the conspiracy trial in New York of Harry M. Daugherty, former Attorney-General, and Colonel Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian. The jury disagreed and were discharged.



Prince Nicholas of Roumania was fingerprinted by Police Commissioner McLaughlin when he visited the New York Police Headquarters.



Benito Mussolini, Premier of Italy, is shown addressing crowds from a balcony, assuring he was uninjured by a bomb hurled at him. "A" shows the spot where the bomb exploded; "B" where Mussolini's car was passing.



Mrs. Coolidge, out for a stroll in Washington's parks, accompanied by her special secret service man, "Jim" Hooley. Though Mrs. Coolidge is very democratic and walks all over the city daily, she is never allowed out of sight of the careful secret service detail attached to the White House.



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The Yangchow correspondent of the "Shanghai Times" says:—When one reads of the harassing conditions that exist in so many parts of this distressful country we cannot feel grateful for the quietness that prevails here. If only it might continue that way. At present trade seems to be fairly good. One branch of business that is booming is the trade in eggs. These are being brought in from the surrounding country in very large quantities and are being crated and sent on to the coast. A considerable revenue must come into this district through this business. The man in the street, however, does not necessarily rejoice over this for the exporting of this article of food means an increase in its cost locally. We remember when an egg here cost 3 cash and now they are between 50 and 60 cash. We were informed the other day that a Japanese had arrived with \$20,000 to buy eggs. This may or may not be correct.

Conditions here are very quiet though there are more or less changes going on among the troops. While the Kiangsi fight was on, soldiers were very few, and the Police and Commercial volunteers much more in evidence than ordinarily. These men taking up the duty of patrolling the streets.

Now, however, a considerable number of grey coats have arrived and apparently have come to stay for very large fatigues parties are to be seen on the streets with carrying poles transporting rice and fuel. That they should stay here is the wish, expressed or otherwise, of the local people. The regime of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang has been an admirable one in many ways, and the thought of the possible advent of either Cantonese or Fengtien men is not a comforting one. If Marshal Sun took hold of them, at least he kept his men well in hand.

They fear it will be very different if either Northern or Southern forces come in, and no doubt the fear is well-founded. It will mean another bleeding, probably much more drastic, not to speak of other accompaniments. At the present moment there is no searching of baggage at the gates though this is being done in the railway station at Chenkiang. The troop move-

ments mean that ever and anon launches are taken and barrows, etc., but a day or two sees them free again so the inconvenience is temporary.

The student body Christian and other, seem to be intent on study and there does not seem to be any activity on their part outside of the regular routine of school life. We have heard of an attempt to rouse them by visiting students but that this was rudely stopped by the military. The rumour seems to have something behind it but folks who should know, are diffident in talking about it.

## FLOOD PREVENTION.

The Hangchow Missionary Association held its monthly December meeting on December 7 at the home of R. J. McMullen. Tea was served by the ladies of the Southern Presbyterian Mission after which the Association listened with keen interest and appreciation to an address delivered by Mr. E. C. Stocker of the Whangpoo Conservancy Board on "Some Aspects of Flood Prevention." The address was of particular interest to the community at this time because of the fact that a number of its members are co-operating with a Chinese Government project on the Tiao Chi River near the town of Yu Hong.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24.

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## "SUNNING" PIRACY.

The Magistrate and a Defendant.

"DEEPER IN THE MIRE."

Another Prisoner Released Yesterday.

At the commencement of the resumed hearing yesterday afternoon, Mr. Lo, who had only been instructed to defend the 8th accused on Monday said that he felt it only right that he should briefly outline his defence as far as his new client was concerned. His Worship concurring, Mr. Lo referred to the evidence against the 8th defendant and outlined the story of the accused man, indicating that his defence would be one of mistaken identity, the 8th defendant having been in his cabin seasick until finally ordered to the bridge deck by the pirates in charge of the 2nd class quarters.

The Crown Solicitor then called Choi Yam, who said that he was a whyman on the "Sunning." Witness was collecting tickets when three or four armed men rushed on the scene. He saw the 1st defendant go into a cabin and come out later with a quantity of money. The same man appeared to be directing operations. Witness saw him later smoking opium in cabin No. 16. The 2nd accused, who carried a pistol, was also carrying a quantity of money from some of the cabins.

Witness went on to say that he went to the forecabin where he remained until after the lifeboats had left. The following morning he saw the 7th accused tied up. Later he saw several other men tied by the Naval men who had arrived from H.M.S. "Bluebell." He heard several of the prisoners claim to be discharged members of the crew of the "Ching On." He distinctly remembered hearing the 16th defendant say to the 7th defendant "You have nothing to fear, you did not rob, you are not a pirate."

Cross-Examination.

In reply to the first defendant, witness said that he saw a quantity of money being brought from the accountant's room.

1st accused: Who brought it out?—I saw you yourself directing some of your men and two of the ship's boys.

1st accused: What was I wearing?—At first you were wearing a long coat. Afterwards you changed into a riding coat which you took from the baggage of one of the passengers.

His Worship: You know your cross-examination is only getting you deeper into the mire?

1st accused: I don't mind it being taken down.

His Worship: Oh, I see. You don't mind incriminating yourself more?

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo, witness said that everyone was saying that the 7th accused had had his purse taken from him by the pirates.

Mr. Lo: Did you hear that he had recovered his purse from one of the wounded men?—Yes.

Mr. Lo: As far as you know, was that the only reason why he was tied up?—Yes.

Mr. Lo: Do you know why the 16th defendant was tied up?—He was speaking to No. 7 some time afterwards.

Mr. Lo: Do you know who were the passengers in No. 16 cabin?—I saw the 1st defendant there. He was smoking opium. I could not see the whole of the interior of the cabin.

Re-examined by Mr. Holmes, witness said that he could not now identify the 18th defendant. He had picked him out at the identification parade, but could not identify him now.

His Worship: Do you mean that you must have been mistaken?

The Crown Solicitor said that he could offer no further evidence against the 18th accused and his Worship ordered his discharge.

Many More Witnesses.

His Worship asked the Crown Solicitor whether there was any possibility of finishing the case before Christmas. Mr. Holmes said that he would be calling twenty-four more witnesses, including the Chief Engineer, who had now sufficiently recovered to be able to give evidence. The Crown would also be calling the Captain, Superintendent of Police and Mr. King, the Director of Criminal Investigation who went out on H.M.S. "Vindictive" to take charge of the prisoners.

Mr. Lo said that in view of the length of the proceedings and the desirability of concluding them as soon as possible, it would, in his opinion, be advisable if his Worship devoted his whole time and attention to the case, leaving smaller matters to the other magistrates. Mr. Lindsell said that he would consider Mr. Lo's suggestion.

## LABOUR VICTORY.

LATEST HOME BY-ELECTION RESULT.

London, Dec. 21.

The by-election at Smethwick due to the resignation of the Labour M.P. Mr. J. E. Davidson resulted in the Labour candidate, Mr. Oswald Mosley, polling 16,977 votes, the Conservative Mr. Marshall Pyke 9,495 and the Liberal Mr. Edwen Bayliss 2,600.—Reuter.

New York, Dec. 21.—The death roll in the capsized launch is now ascertained to be thirty-three.—Reuter's American Service.

## MORE BAD BLOOD.

Court Martial Verdict Feeling.

GERMANY INDIGNANT.

"Undoing Locarno's Good Work."

Paris, Dec. 21.  
The court martial into the French and German affair at Gernersheim on September 27 when two French soldiers collided with several Germans, one of whom, Mueller, was killed, and another, Mathes, was wounded by shots from the French, has resulted in the French Lieutenant Rouzier being acquitted. Mathes has been sentenced to two years in default and minor sentences have been passed on five other Germans.

"Travesty of Justice."  
Berlin, Dec. 21.  
The news of the verdict of the Gernersheim affair has been received here with great indignation in official quarters and is described as a travesty of justice.

It is asserted that all the weight of evidence was against the plea that Rouzier was provoked, and the death of the German Mueller is described as cold blooded murder.

The verdict is certain to arouse considerable feelings in Germany, and responsible quarters fear it will undo a great deal of the good work started at Locarno for the improvement of Franco-German relations.—Reuter.

## XMAS HOLIDAYS.

RAILWAY AND AIRWAY BOOKINGS.

BIG INCREASE THIS YEAR.

Rugby, Dec. 21.  
A feature of this Christmas, according to reports from the railway companies is the great increase of bookings to seaside resorts.

The practice of spending the winter festival at the seaside has been developing rapidly during the past eight or ten years.

The railways to the Continent are also experiencing what are described as phenomenal bookings.

The services both to Paris and Germany are being augmented as far as is possible, and a whole fleet of air liners will be brought into use.

It has become quite the fashion to send Christmas gifts to friends on the Continent, "Per airways," and for the past two or three days the demand for freight has been heavy.—British Wireless Service.

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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